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Riverside reminder: every vote counts!

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Tuesday, June 5 is the last day to vote. With many Riverside schools holding graduation ceremonies during the same week as our June election, Riverside wants to remind parents of graduating students to take time to vote. Lead by example and make voting a family experience -- your 18-year old graduate can vote now too.

Vote-by-mail ballots can be dropped off at the Riverside City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 3900 Main Street, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; at the Registrar of Voter's Office at 2724 Gateway Drive; or at any polling location on Election Day.

Riverside's long time Mayor, Ronald O. Loveridge, is retiring and for the first time since 1994, no incumbent is running for re-election. For a candidate to be elected Mayor on June 5, he or she will need to secure more than 50% of the vote. If that does not happen, the two top vote getters will participate in a run-off, on November 6, 2012.

Following is a list of qualified candidates for the June 5, 2012, General Municipal Election in the order they will appear on the ballot:

- Ed Adkison
- Mike Gardner
- Andy Melendrez
- Aurora Chavez
- Rusty Bailey
- Peter Benavidez
- Dvonne Pitruzzello

Candidate statements are available at http://www.riversideca.gov/city_clerk/elections-mayoral-elections.asp

The City of Riverside's ballot also includes the following for voter consideration:

Measure E

Shall the Charter of the City of Riverside be amended to include a new Charter officer, the City Auditor, appointed by the City Council, with the powers and duties of the City Auditor set by ordinance of the City Council?

Measure F

Shall the Charter of the City of Riverside be amended by adding a new section 811, entitled "Commission on Sustainability," which would create a new commission to advise the Mayor and City Council on matters of sustainability as it pertains to environmental stewardship, economic development, and regional advantages as a means of pursuing a higher quality of life, with the powers and duties of that commission set by ordinance of the City Council?

Measure G

Shall the Charter of the City of Riverside be amended to provide that if in the June election for City Council, no candidate for City Council receives a majority of the total votes cast, that the run-off election be held on the last Tuesday in August instead of on the first Tuesday in November?

Measure H

Shall the Charter of the City of Riverside be amended to eliminate the authority of the City Manager to approve or disapprove appointments and removals of subordinate employees of any Charter officer, including the City Clerk and City Attorney?

Measure I

Shall the Charter of the City of Riverside be amended to remove oversight of the maintenance of parkways, shrubs, and trees within street right-of-way from the Park and Recreation Commission?

Measure J

Shall the Charter of the City of Riverside be amended to provide that bids for public works contracts be advertised by electronic means instead of in the newspaper?

Measure K

Shall the Charter of the City of Riverside be amended by making certain non-substantive updates, related to change of position titles, elimination of paper copy distribution of certain documents to City officials, posting of certain documents (budget, external audit) on the internet, word corrections, deletion of obsolete language, reflection of current practices, elimination of references to taxes no longer being collected, adding "accessible" before "website" throughout the Charter, and timing of the Charter Review process?

Visit the City Clerk's webpage for links to impartial analysis of the above issues and a Statement by Proponents/Authors of Arguments.

http://www.riversideca.gov/city_clerk/elections-mayoral-elections.asp

For more information, please call the City Clerk's Office at (951) 826-5557.

Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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